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der Phantasie, voll Innigkeit und Tiefe des Gefühls: noch haben sie ihr Bestes nicht gegeben. — Der Geschichtsschreiber soll sich vor allem hüten, Talente, die im steten Aufsteigen sind, schon zu ihren Lebzeiten in den Kapiteln seines Buches einzusargen. Trotz guten Willens ist Hanstein diesem Fehler nicht entgangen.

O. E. Lessing.

Laboratory Physics by Dr. Clarence Miller, professor of physics in Case School of Applied Science, is more than its name implies. It is intended for college students, and they are fortunate in having such a text available. Twenty years ago students largely depended upon their instructors for aid in the laboratory, today Dr. Miller's book is a sure guide to the most important work in close measurements.

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In 403 pages, the author and publishers, Ginn & Co., have presented an attractive book with splendid clear diagrams and work enough for at least 400 hours in a physical laboratory. Dr. Miller has given us a decided addition to our laboratory manuals—it should be in every college and technical school. Quarto, cloth, mailing price \$2.15.

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This little book of 80 pages should be in the hands of every instructor of physical geography. As the years go by, we feel, more and more, the necessity for laboratory work in Mother Earth's workshop, if we wish to successfully teach physical geography. Anyone using this Guide will be convinced that a topic seemingly barren of laboratory inspection, is, after all, a most fruitful one for cultivating observation. Hints are given the teacher for using the local topography in illustrating his lessons—it is certainly a most valuable aid to teachers using it. Ginn & Co. D. H.

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